

Dear PRI Testimony Committee,

As a private pilot flying in the Hartford, CT area for the past 35 years, I am appalled at the prospect of closing Brainard Airport for development. Brainard airport supports many surrounding business that are aviation minded as well as non-aviation businesses that are supported by the proximity of the airport. Brainard Airport is an FAA Reliever Airport for Bradley Airport in the event of overflow conditions or emergencies. It is the home base of CT Aerotech which trains technicians and workers for local businesses such as Pratt and Whitney and Kaman Corporation. Brainard Airport serves as a very important aviation gateway for business aircraft that would otherwise put an overload on Bradley Airport and cause additional workload on the Bradley Air Controllers and possibly delay or impede Commercial flights in and out of BDL.

I do not think the MDC should even be bringing this fraud forward, as the MDC should not be involved in land development it does not need. This strikes me as a very questionable role for the MDC to be involved in.

Sincerely,

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